

June

Saturday, June 21

It's in Your Nature: Exploring the Wild

10am – 12 noon

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The Magical Forest

1:30pm – 3pm

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Saturday, June 28

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9:30am - 12noon

Life on the Refuge reaches its maximum intensity during the vital, turbulent spring. Flowers explode and the creatures of the refuge dance to nature's eternal drum. Experience it all on a guided walk led by naturalist Susan Wineke. Meet in the Visitor Center.

Sunday, June 29

Modern Bird Family

10:00am – 11:30am

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July

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Birds of a Feather: Take Flight on a Bird Walk

8:30am – 12:30pm

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Sunday, July 6

It's in Your Nature: Sights and Sounds of Summer

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Sunday, July 13

Amazing Animal Adaptations!

10am-11am

Through adaptations, animals have found ways to inhabit every environment on earth! Looking closely at the incredible traits animals have developed brings us to a deeper appreciation of the natural world. On this family-friendly program, see pelts and other artifacts up close, then head outside to explore wildlife in action! Meet in the Visitor Center.

Sunday, July 13

Nisqually Deli: The Pond Menu

1pm - 2pm

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Saturday, July 19

Raptors of the Delta

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Saturday, July 19

The Essential Riparian Forest

1:30 – 2:30am

The forest that grows near fresh water, along the banks of lakes, rivers, and streams is a place of stillness and birdsong, magic and mystery. It's also one of the most fragile and important ecosystems around! Discover why on this family-friendly guided walk with Dean DeBell. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Sunday, July 20

The Nisqually and Medicine Creek: Where Nature, Culture and History Converge

1pm - 2:30pm

Learn about the events surrounding the signing of the Medicine Creek Treaty; explore how the Nisqually people came to the Nisqually delta and how their lives changed with the settlement of Europeans. Lynn Corliss leads you down history's winding path, where you will discover important things about the people who enjoyed this land before you did. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor Center.

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The Essential Estuary

10 – 11am

Why are so many US Fish and Wildlife Service refuges located on estuaries? What makes this particular environment so worth protecting? And what's happening in the estuary at Nisqually NWR? These questions and more are explored in this walk. Meet at the beginning of the Nisqually Estuary Boardwalk Trail (allow a half hour to walk there from the parking area).

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Nisqually Watershed Festival

10am – 4pm

Tours and guided walks through-out the day, as well as music, live animal presentations, educational exhibits, a marine touch tank, and Fin, the Wild Olympic Salmon! Join us in a celebration of the cultural, economic and natural resources of the Nisqually Watershed!